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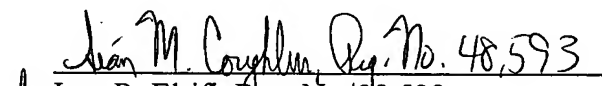
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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

In response to the November 4, 2003, Restriction Requirement, applicants elect Group II Claims 5-14, 19-21, 39, 42, 46, and 47, drawn to nucleic acids, vectors, host cells, nucleic acid hybridization assays, pharmaceutical compositions, and kits, classified in class 536, subclasses 23.5 and 23.1, and class 435, subclasses 6, 320.1, 325, and 252.3. Applicants also elect the isolated nucleic acid molecule of SEQ ID NO:45 which encodes a polypeptide of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:46.

This document should be timely if filed by December 4, 2003. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No.21402-235 (CURA-535).

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